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My dear Friend, I had hoped to be able to comply with your invitation to make you and your beloved husband a visit at Brookline, accompanied by my beloved Helen; but the only thing I can do, in the hurry of preparing to leave home for the far West on Monday afternoon next, is to send you this brief and hastily written note, - a special object of which is to thank you very heartily for your kind donation of \$10, towards remunerating me for the sum so unworthily exacted of me at the Custom House, on account of the tea service presented to me by my friends in Edinburgh, Scotland. Through the activity of that philanthropic and lovely woman, Mrs. E. F. Merriam,



the whole amount has been raised,  
and put into my hands — and I will  
add, at a time when it proves especially  
acceptable, in consequence of a pressure  
of circumstances. To each of the  
donors, in this case, I desire to make  
my grateful acknowledgments.

Next to a fort, Arsenal, Naval  
vessel, and military array, I hate a  
Custom House — not because of the  
tax it imposed on the friendly Scot-  
tish gift, but as a matter of principle.  
I go for free trade and free inter-  
communication the world over, and  
deny the right of any body of men to  
erect geographical or national barriers  
in opposition to these natural, essential  
and sacred rights. Every government  
must be regarded as a tyranny, and  
unworthy of approbation, that erects  
or maintains such barriers. It also  
is controlled by a very short-sighted  
policy. — But this is not the place for



a treatise on Political Economy -

During the next eight or nine weeks, I expect to travel many hundreds of miles, attend numerous public meetings, and address many thousands of the people in relation to the wrongs and sufferings of the three million captives in our land. The excursion will be attended with novelty all the way through, as I have hitherto seen very little of Pennsylvania, and nothing of Ohio. I trust the mission will not be wholly in vain, brief as it must be on the score of time.

How great has been the progress of the anti-slavery cause since we became acquainted with each other! Yes, since the memorable year 1835! Through what trials, difficulties, misrepresentations, outrages, apostacies, mutations, has that cause passed; and with what a divine energy it has thus far overcome all



opposition! "The best of all," as the dying John Wesley said, "God is with us." That the cause of suffering humanity is lost - that, in being faithful to it, we are continually and abundantly rewarded - that those who resist its march are sure to be vanquished - who can doubt? "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." All chains shall yet be broken, and freedom become universal.

Though it is very seldom I have the pleasure of seeing you and Mr. Loring, be assured that your friendship is very highly prized, and your kindnesses remembered with a grateful heart. My warmest regards to E. G. L.

Your much obliged friend,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Mrs. L. Loring -